Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* You first select them for these Menons' post?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* No. When once they are selected for Menons' posts they are our own men. Then they are not private candidates.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will land-lords be allowed to send their men for private training provided they do not want any Government appointment?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* One gentleman made that request and that was not allowed.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* There may be people who may not want to get any appointment and who are over-aged. A gentleman may like his kariasthan to be trained.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There is no objection in doing that, if in time application is made.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* The Diwan Peishkar says that all such people going to that school will get appointment.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* We cannot hold out a guarantee like that. But we do not train a man of 45, because he may then be under the impression that we would take him in. We spend money only if it is of use to him.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* What is the period of training?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* 3 months and 2 months.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Is it considered as an additional qualification for appointment by the Staff Selection Board?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* For appointment in the Revenue Department, it is an additional qualification.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* If I understand aright, the Hon'ble Member stated that if a landlord wants somebody to be trained, it may not be possible. The inference is, therefore, that all that go there are only selected for service.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* They have been very often taken in by landlords. Any number of them have been taken by landlords.

Demand put and carried

44. Rs. 1,500 under "1—Land Revenue—D—contingencies—(j) Refunds"

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,500 under "1—Land Revenue—D—Contingencies—(*j*) Refunds". The necessity arises in this way. We sell some of the wind-fallen trees from the village reserves, and when the Tahsildars conduct the sales in the hope that these sales would be finally confirmed by the Diwan Peishkar, they realise the whole amount and remit it. When the paper comes to the Diwan Peishkar, he finds that the sales are not regular and have not fetched proper prices. Very often in these days they fetch higher prices in resales. Those sales are not therefore confirmed and I ask them to re-sell and the result has been in most cases that at the re-sales we get larger amounts. When we get larger amounts those original deposits have to be refunded. We want an allotment in the budget for that so that we may refund what we have taken. It is only their money that is being refunded. To be on the regular side so far as the budget is concerned we want an allotment for refunds. This is the more correct method. Similarly we have revenue sales. We do not confirm those sales when the man brings in this dues and pays it. It is only for the refund of such amounts that we want his allotment.

Demand put and carried

45. Rs. 3,524 under "20-7-Government Training Institutions—Stipends"

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 3,524 under "20-7-Government Training Institution—Stipends". This amount of money is required for payment of stipends to 39 of our teachers who are undergoing private training. Till last year we used to pay all teachers who were selected by the Department to undergo training. We are doing that even now but with some restriction. At present we do not select teachers who are above 35 years of age for training as deputed candidates, the obvious reason being that the advantage which is likely to accrue to Government by deputing a man who is over 35 or 40 is very small and therefore they have decided to depute teachers for training only in case they are below 35 years of age. Now, the sudden introduction of this rule was felt to be rather a grievance by a fairly large number of teachers who felt they have been taken unawares and in order to smooth the transition from one state of affairs to the other Government decided to give those teachers who are above 35 and below 40 who are prepared to undergo private training a monthly stipend of Rs. 10 for this year. This decision was reached only after the budget was framed and therefore this has become an additional demand and I

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request that the House will be pleased to grant this additional allotment for this very useful purpose.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* How many teachers have taken advantage of that?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* 39.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Is it the fault of those teachers that they were not taken for training until they reached the age of 35?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I cannot understand what is meant by "fault". There is nothing criminal in what they failed to do. But at the same time Government have to be strict as to what they are actually going to pay basing their grant on the maximum advantage that can be derived by training. It is not always their fault that they were not trained. In some cases, of course, it is their fault because when once or twice they are selected they always say their training may be postponed for one reason or other.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* When teachers are recruited afresh cannot the Government insist that only private-trained candidates can be taken as teachers?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* That is a question which has been discussed threadbare on the floor of this House and I may assure that is receiving the attention of the Government in an increasing measure.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* In my opinion, this allotment is not necessary. It is stated.....

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Do you mean that these teachers should not be paid any stipend?

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Let me complete my speech. It is stated that there about 39 or 40 teachers who are between the ages of 35 and 40. Naturally these teachers must have been teaching the students for 20 or 25 years without any training. What harm is there if they continue to teach in that way. Why should government money be spent for training them if for 20 years they can teach the students very well and the inspection reports will show that they have done their duties very well. Now, in the fag end of their life why should you send them to the Training school and spend so much money. I am not a great educationist myself. But from common sense I am speaking this. The Director of Public Instruction who is a great educationist may consider this aspect of the matter.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Is there not a rule that only trained teachers can become headmasters?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Why not start summer schools for such teachers?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Sir, I have been besieged by a number of questions of a technical nature and I cannot answer everyone of them in the course of this brief debate. With regard to the question raised by the Hon'ble Member for Chalakkudi, I only wish to make this observation. It is true that these teachers have been allowed to carry on their work without training which is the best of a bad job. We had not trained men and therefore we had no chance of making the selection. They had gone on for the last 10 or 15 years like that; but in the majority of cases who have come from aided schools if they are 35 they have another 25 years to serve, and it is in the interests of the public or the rising generation that these men should get proper training. With regard to people above 40 Government have decided to drop the question, because they are long past the age where they can absorb no other complection. But with regard to men of 35 to 40 Government felt that some special consideration was necessary and that was why these people were encouraged to undergo private training and they are now being given just half the stipend of the regular candidates. Mr. President, this is only a temporary measure, and it is not a thing which is going to be repeated. As I pointed out, it is only a transitional measure rendered necessary to make the transition less steep to those who are subjected to this.

With regard to the question put by the Hon'ble Member for Kunnamkulam, it is certainly very highly desirable that only men who are properly qualified to undertake their profession should be allowed to enter the profession, and it has to be admitted that the number of certificated teachers is not very large at present and therefore Government are taking steps to ensure.....

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* That is not the view of the House.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I specifically refer to the question raised by the Hon'ble Member for Kunnamkulam. It is being increasingly felt that it is highly desirable if properly trained men for the profession can be got by Government, and as far as possible future recruitment will be restricted to men who are properly trained, other things

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being equal. Therefore, I request that the House will view this question leniently and allow the small sum of additional allotment to be passed to enable me to pay these 39 and odd teachers or nearly 40 teachers who are undergoing training partly at their own expense, so that they may return to their schools better equipped for the work which awaits them.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Do these 39 include under-graduates?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* They are all under-graduates.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* May I know whether there is any rule restricting the number of candidates to be selected by the Government for training?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* There are two restrictions. In the first place, the number of stipends is limited and then the accommodation in the training institution is limited. So, we can select only a certain number every year, a certain number of stipendiary and in addition a certain number of non-stipendiary pupil teachers.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam) :* May I know whether the teachers are to apply for selection, or whether the Government on their initiative select these teachers?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Lists are prepared in consultation with the Head of the Training Institution and the inspecting officers of the several divisions. No petitions are required and the usual principle that is adopted is the length of service. A man who has put in 15 years of service is naturally older than another who has put in only ten years and so he is preferred. As a matter of fact we have been receiving petitions very often.

Secondly, there is another discretion also which is used. For instance, Sir, if in a school there are two trained men out of ten and in another school there are 6 out of ten. We give preference to the school which has got the lesser number of trained men.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* What is the difficulty in the way of the Government extending facilities for training to all teachers before they attain 35?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction) :* The question of stipend stands in the way. The amount of money available for payment of stipends is limited. Then, secondly, there is the question of accommodation. We can take in only a certain number. It is not like the ordinary-lecturing class. These men under training have to be grouped into batches. they have to observe classes in doing their work, they have to undertake what is called criticism of lessons, observation classes and so on. Naturally, therefore, accommodation has got a great effect on the scope of selections.

Mr. T. S. Ramchandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Please take it from me that this House is behind you and this House will sanction any amount for spending for a good purpose.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I feel very grateful to the Hon'ble Member and may I assure this House that while the Code is under revision plans are being made to see that the scope for training is increased, of course, to a certain limit.

Demand put and carried

46. Rs. 800 under "20—3—Secondary Boys—Furniture"

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Sir, I again rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 800 under "20—3—Secondary boys—Furniture". This amount is required for the supply of furniture which was not anticipated at the time when the budget was originally framed. The High School at Trippunithura is being held in two sections and one of them situated within the Fort has been practically living on furniture which was not required by the main school and it is now found that the supply of furniture is lamentably short and therefore it has been found necessary to buy new furniture. The amount of furniture is not very large. But unfortunately the rates at which we can buy them have gone up. Therefore, I request the House will be pleased to grant this small sum of Rs. 800 for this purpose.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I oppose the motion. I want to bring, by opposing this motion, to the notice of the Government and the House the necessity of increasing the furniture in all the other schools in the State. When the schools in the moffussil are in want of so much of furniture the Princes' School alone cannot be taken up for special treatment.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* May I correct the Hon'ble Member. I think he and I are absolutely at one in our demand of furniture for all schools. This school has been divided for two reasons. One very important reason is that there is absolutely

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